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Letter dated 15 May 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 7 May 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union on Cameroon.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 114 (b) of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

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Statement on Cameroon issued on 7 May 1997
by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union has taken note of the decision of the President of the Republic of Cameroon to organize general elections on 17 May 1997.

The European Union expresses the desire that these elections take place in a calm and transparent manner, and in particular that every citizen should be able to vote freely and without hindrance. It considers that it is essential that every citizen should be able to take part in the elections to choose a new parliament which corresponds to the aspirations of the people, while respecting the rules of democracy.

The European Union hopes that candidates of all political parties can participate in these elections in a fair and equal way.